

work as a Vice President of the Pontiac Area PTA Council and President of PTAs for several Pontiac schools furthered her work with local schools to strengthen and empower all sectors of the Pontiac community. Additionally, Mrs. White's volunteer efforts with the United Way and March of Dimes supported causes serving those in need in our area and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mrs. Clara White's dedication to the Pontiac community through public service and volunteerism. Mrs. White's recognition from organizations in Pontiac, Oakland County, and Michigan make evident that her positive impact has been felt far and wide. I wish her many many more years of health, happiness, and productive service to our shared communities.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LARRY WARGOWSKY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Larry Wargowsky, who has retired from his position as Refuge Manager for the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge after thirty three years of service with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fourteen which were spent managing the Necedah Refuge.

He was born and raised across from the Refuge in Juneau County, and enjoyed a career that took him many places, but was fortunate to retire at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. Larry Wargowsky started his career of public service after college where he worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Horicon, Black River Falls and Mead Wildlife Area. He then joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working at various National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. His work has benefited not merely one refuge, or even just one state, but Larry Wargowsky has been a public servant whose career has benefited an entire nation.

Throughout his tenure at the refuge, Larry has seen the resurgence of many wildlife critters from the first bald eagle reproduction in 25 years in 1996 to an increase in populations of the timber wolf and was instrumental in the reintroduction of the Whooping crane to this area. For this he received the Recovery Champion Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2002. The Whooping crane project at the Necedah Refuge has been a boon to Necedah and Juneau County and has made the area a major ecotourism destination. The Whooping cranes brought international attention to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. To accommodate visitors, Larry led an effort to build a new visitor center. Additionally, the Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge was created under his leadership and this today represents a robust and active group. He is as much a friend to our country as he is to our environment.

I am proud to stand before this chamber and applaud the dedication of Larry Wargowsky to a life of public service and conservation. As an avid sportsman, I am personally grateful to Larry for all of his hard work in preserving our wildlife refuges, but this rec-

ognition goes beyond the gratitude of one individual. We as Americans should be grateful to a man who has dedicated his life to public service, and we as inhabitants of this planet should be grateful to that same man who has dedicated his life to defending our wildlife refuges.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HENRIETTA SPROAT AND THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PI- LOTS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of Henrietta Sproat from Oroville, California. During World War II, Mrs. Sproat flew as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). These aviators were the first female flyers to be trained on U.S. Military aircraft. During the time when the need of the country was greatest, these brave women flew fighter, bomber, transport and training aircraft in the defense of American freedom.

I was a proud cosponsor of the legislation that recognized these women's service, and I rise today to recognize Henrietta Sproat and congratulate her on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK AND THE 48TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, in the 49 years since the Peace Corps was established, nearly 200,000 volunteers have contributed their time, energy, and skills to create opportunity, empower people, and encourage progress in the developing world.

By facilitating an international dialogue between the people of the United States and others across the globe, Peace Corps volunteers have helped to increase cultural awareness, tolerance, and respect at home and abroad. The compassion and commitment of these volunteers have left significant and enduring impacts on individuals and communities throughout the world.

I am honored to represent many Peace Corps alumni, and I would like to recognize ten current volunteers: Claire Albrecht in Zambia; Maridee Bonadea in Mali; Mitra Heffron in Paraguay; Hololapakaen Hoopai in Kyrgyzstan; Kacie Miura in China; Steven Miyakawa in Togo; Nicole Nakama in Botswana; Kathryn Ogin in Ukraine; Mai Shintani in China; and Theodore Varns in Guatemala. The selfless service and dedication of these individuals make them exemplary ambassadors of the Aloha spirit.

Mahalo (thank you) to all Peace Corps volunteers, past and present, for your work in promoting peace and friendship throughout our world.

RECOGNIZING THE SADLOWSKI FAMILY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize George and Tina Sadlowski, who have two sons as well as a daughter-in-law who currently serve in the United States Army. Mr. and Mrs. Sadlowski have founded Operation Treasures for Troops, which provides food and other essential items to military personnel who are stationed overseas.

The Sadlowskis began Operation Treasures for Troops during their oldest son's first deployment in order to provide their son with food and other items that are not available during their deployments. Currently, the Sadlowskis collect items for the troops through their church, the North Lake Family Church, in Tarpon Springs, Florida, and are in the process of recruiting stores to donate items, which would offset the costs of their organization.

The Sadlowski's oldest son, Eric Sadlowski, is currently serving in Afghanistan after having previously served twice in Iraq. Andrew Sadlowski, their middle son, recently joined the military and is awaiting his first deployment. Andrew's wife, Nicole, is currently preparing to be deployed to Afghanistan. Because both are currently serving in the military, Andrew and Nicole have lived apart since they were married. Additionally, the Sadlowski's youngest son, Patrick, also desires to serve in the military.

The Sadlowskis currently mail about 100 boxes to the troops per year, financing the postal and shipping costs themselves. H.R. 707, the Home Front to Heroes Postal Benefits Act, which I have cosponsored, would provide monthly vouchers so those at home could mail packages and correspondence to deployed soldiers without charge. This would allow more funding to be spent on items for the troops instead of on postal costs.

Madam Speaker, I strongly commend the Sadlowski family for their extraordinary military service and for the selfless work that Mr. and Mrs. Sadlowski do to serve the troops overseas. I sincerely thank Eric, Andrew, and Nicole for their service for our country and the many sacrifices they make as they serve overseas. My most heartfelt thanks go to George and Tina as they voluntarily organize and send boxes to our troops overseas. The Sadlowski family has shown how much they care about our nation as each of them willingly serves our country, both by their military service and their service for our troops.

HONORING THE WORK OF MS. MAXINE FLOURNOY

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and dedication of a true patriot, Maxine Flournoy who today receives the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor for her service as an airforce service pilot during World War II.

She is among 300 surviving women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. During the war, 1,102 women pilots served.

Ms. Flournoy completed a pilot training program in early 1941 at a junior college in Joplin, Missouri, and while working as a grinder at a defense plant, she learned about the military needing women to serve as pilots.

Shortly after that, Ms. Flournoy was en route to Kansas City on a bus to volunteer. She trained for about one year. The Women Airforce Service Pilots logged 60 million miles in missions across the United States; however, during their time in the military, they did not have the benefits offered equally to other service members.

In 1977, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were granted status as veterans of this country. I am moved to learn these women served our country during a time of hardship, and thank them for their service to our nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the work, service and dedication of Ms. Flournoy, who is among 300 surviving women who served this country during World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MARGARET DEBOLT AND THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PI- LOTS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of the late Margaret Louise Debolt from my home state of California. During World War II, Margaret flew as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). These aviators were the first female flyers to be trained on U.S. Military aircraft. During the time when the need of the country was greatest, these brave women flew fighter, bomber, transport and training aircraft in the defense of American freedom.

It was during her service with the WASPs that Margaret met her future husband, First Lieutenant Charles D. Christian of the United States Army Air Corps. They were married in November, 1945 and went on to be the proud parents of James and Kay Christian, who now reside in El Dorado Hills, California. Margaret continued flying well into her seventies, exemplifying the adventurous spirit for which she was so well known. Margaret passed away at the age of 83 in Covina, California on August 6, 2004.

I was a proud cosponsor of the legislation that recognized the service of the WASPs and awarded them the Congressional Gold Medal. I regret that Margaret could not be with us when her medal was awarded, but I am glad that her family joined us in Washington to remember and honor her service.

A TRIBUTE TO SHELIA EVANS- TRANUMN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Shelia Evans-Tranumn, who, as an Associate Commissioner for the New York State Education Department, managed the Office of School Improvement and Community Services in New York City and in Albany, New York. Associate Commissioner Evans-Tranumn has had the major responsibility for directing and coordinating State Education Department Services and technical assistance to New York City schools and to the New York City public school system. Her work as associate commissioner will always be valued by the New York education community, especially as a model for leadership, management and supervision of the service needs of schools and school districts. As an advisor to the Commissioner and the Board of Regents, she is a role model in her steadfast efforts to serve and represent our children effectively.

Prior to joining the New York State Education Department, Ms. Evans-Tranumn served as an English teacher, center administrator, assistant principal and the Director of the New York City Board of Education's Auxiliary Services for High Schools, the largest alternative high school program in the United States. Ms. Evans-Tranumn supervised interdisciplinary teams that work with the New York City educational community to implement school reform initiatives. The impact of her work in New York State can be found in documents published by the United States Education Department, policy documents of National Board of Education, and implementation plans for local school districts. Based upon the work of her office, Education Week has named New York State No.1 for its work in the area of accountability.

Ms. Evans-Tranumn is a product of New York City public schools. A graduate of North Carolina Central University, she received a Master's degree from Long Island University. Additionally, she completed class requirements for a doctorate at New York University. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Reliance Award for Excellence in Education, the Administrative Women in Education Trailblazer Award, the Albany NAACP Freedom Award and the New York State NAACP "Measure of a Woman" Award in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ms. Evans-Tranumn also received an Honorary Doctorate from Medgar Evers College.

Building the capacity of institutions, communities and individuals to better serve children is the core of her professional and personal life. As the highly respected advocate and voice of reason in Brooklyn for educational ideals to benefit inner-city children, Ms. Evans-Tranumn stands with those who understand that equal and quality education is a fundamental civil, constitutional right.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Shelia Evans-Tranumn.

THE IRAN SANCTIONS ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Iran Sanctions Enhancement Act, a bipartisan measure to enforce U.S. law regarding Iran.

As the New York Times reported last Sunday, for far too long, international businesses have ignored the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

The Iranian regime continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons and remains the world's leading sponsor of terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. While the original ISA was intended to deter investment in Iran's energy sector that serves as the main source of financial support for the regime, no entity has ever been held accountable under the Act.

The executive branch has disregarded the enforcement of existing U.S. sanctions on Iran for far too long—and this Administration has been no exception to the rule. In October of last year, fifty members of Congress wrote to the Administration, requesting an investigation of potential ISA violators identified by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS). Despite a pledge by the Assistant Secretary of State Jeffrey Feltman to conduct such an investigation within 45 days, the Administration still has not provided Congress with the full results of its investigation.

Therefore, this bill would require the President to investigate and determine ISA violators within 45 days and to notify Congress. To aid the Administration's efforts, this bill mandates the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to publish monthly a list of those entities suspected of violating the ISA.

The time to act is now. To stop Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and curb its sponsorship of global terrorism, I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring this important bipartisan legislation.

HONORING JUDGE THOMAS WARD

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Judge Thomas Ward for his remarkable work with the Hibernian Society and outstanding service to the citizens of Baltimore, especially within our Irish community.

Ward, a native Baltimorean, began his career in civic duty as a Member of the Baltimore City Council in 1963, during which time he sponsored legislation to create The Parking Lot Act, the Architectural and Historical Commission, and a tree planting program that resulted in the implantation of over 25,000 trees.

A graduate from Georgetown University, the University of Maryland School of Law, and The Johns Hopkins University Graduate School, Judge Ward spent an illustrious 29 years practicing law as an attorney and another 15 years presiding as a judge, where he was known as one of the hardest working judges on the Baltimore Circuit Court.